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Dear Hal:

This will be quite brief.

I'm enclosing copies of articles, magazine stories, and a variety of items all related to the JFK assassination.

Some of it is in the "kookville" realm which, of course, you'll readily recognize. I thought it important to keep as part of the historical record.

You'll see an ad enclosed where I'm to be the speaker at a "Socialist Action" forum which will be held this coming Friday (Feb. 7) at 8 p.m. here in S.F. I chose the theme "JFK = THE COVER UP CONTINUES". I will have it in 3 parts - (A) A discussion of the movie, "JFK" & how the controversy started; (B) The nature of the cover up and why it is still continuing & (C) suggestions for effective political action to make the most of the situation.

By the way your name will figure heavily in my presentation. Someone is going to make a video which he intends to show on "VIACOM" (which, I believe, is a cable outlet). I don't have cable but I'll try to have a copy of the video sent to you.

There are a couple of other things I should mention in the pile of stuff I'm sending you.

You'll note the so-called, "SPECIAL REPORT - JFK Assassination Solved!" (I put a rubber-band around

it or you'll notice it fairly quickly. There is no ~~author~~ author listed. However, in the next to the last page it shows a New York address & a P.O. Box address in San Francisco (under box holder). It is my belief the whole concoction was put together by a local "researcher" here known as Paul Kangas. Kangas puts out different items from time to time (read the 4 page "Jail Bush For the Murder of JFK" which I've enclosed). Kangas is largely responsible (in this area at least for promoting the "three tramps" theory, the "Nixon knew Jack Ruby" fiction & now the George Bush was the CIA man who ~~told th~~ was given information about Miami anti-Castro exiles & their reaction to JFK's death.

I enclosed a "Realist" item which mentions Kangas & the Nixon-Ruby fiction. As for Paul Krassner's comment that when Nixon learned about Ruby shooting Oswald he told a reporter, "Two rights don't make a wrong - I mean ---", I can't vouch for this but I had heard this alleged statement a long time ago & always wondered who ~~could~~ could thoroughly document this.

You'll note also the Austin Chronicle, Dec. 27, 1991 which "discusses" the George Bush involvement beginning with his call to the FBI about a right-winger (James Parrott) who is alleged to have made a threat to kill JFK when he was in Houston.

Getting back to the "JFK (SPECIAL REPORT)" you'll note that on page 36 it states that = "The Pepsi 'convention' was actually the planning meeting for the JFK assassination." When I read this I

aud to myself, "at last, they've found out who the conspirators really were — it's the "Pepsi Generation"! (my emphasis).

I've also enclosed a 9-page study of "JFK" (the film) which is by Dave Perry. He sent it to me saying that "Hampshire" magazine would publish it. Perry is an excellent investigator (he's the one who did that great piece for the "Third Decade" exposing the whole Roscoe White fiasco). You have a copy I sent you on the White thing Perry wrote.

As I was about to close this letter I received a phone call from a researcher from Palo Alto (his name is Ted Rubenstein). He told me that he had learned from Jonathan Marshall (who used to be with the Oakland Tribune and is now with the S.F. Chronicle) that Bob Ranftel had died in a motorcycle accident apparently collapsing at the wheel. Ranftel was an excellent JFK researcher (I met him two or three times, although briefly). The death occurred Jan. 29th. Rubenstein got in touch with Paul Hoch (at my suggestion) & said that Hoch knew about Ranftel's death. Paul told Ted that Ranftel had been under medication for depression. I believe there is supposed to be an autopsy taken to determine the cause of death. Paul told Ted that Ranftel had been coming back from a CABLE-TV taping he had made (Ted did not know whether the taping had anything to do with the JFK case). I called the fellow who is doing the video of my talk (Feb. 7) & he did not know anything. He suggested it might be a cable station 26 known as KTJF-TV. This fellow will call them & see if they know anything about this.

Shortly after I spoke with Ted I got a call from Tom Sanders. I told Tom to ask Jonathan Marshall if he knew anything more about the Ranftel incident. (Tom did not know Ranftel but is a good friend of Marshall - they knew each other when Marshall was at the Oakland Tribune).

I guess I'll close now. I thought I could keep this brief but as you can see events unfold sometimes making this difficult.

When you get the chance do write. I know you must be awfully busy. I know I am. I get calls from all over - they don't seem to stop!

Best,

Hal Verb

P.S. - Almost forgot! I happen to know very well the son of Glenn T. Seaborg (whom, of course, is mentioned in "Post Mortem". In fact, I've met Glenn T. Seaborg himself several times (The last time I met him I discussed with him the question of "cold fusion" an experiment which he strongly doubted. In fact, he was correct as that experiment was totally flawed. I never discussed the JFK case with him. His son did tell me that one day J. Edgar Hoover, himself, had called Glenn & it was an "odd" call he couldn't quite figure out.

This is what I'd like to ask of you.. Can you submit a list of questions I could ask him about his role in the JFK case. (I'm familiar with your work on it. It's possible Dr. Seaborg may have in his possession notes or memos he's kept. What do you think? (I'm on good terms with Dr. Seaborg so I think he would give honest replies).

- Hal